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TAGS: BAK, BEXP, EAGR, IR  
SUBJ: FOREIGN TRANSACTIONS COMPANY/  
DEMURRAGE CHARGES

REF: TEHRAN 12040

1. APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO CONTINUING PRESSURE FROM CREDITORS AND OTHER SOURCES(SEE REFTEL), MANAGING DIRECTOR ASMOUDEH OF THE FOREIGN TRANSACTIONS COMPANY (FTC) HAS INVITED TEN RICE GROWERS/SHIPPERS TO MEETING TEHRAN, DECEMBER 18 THROUGH 22, REQUESTING THAT THEY (AGAIN) SUBMIT COMPLETE CERTIFIED DOCUMENTATION. NO OTHER TYPES OF COMMODITY SUPPLIERS (GRAIN, ETC.) HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AT THIS TIME.

2. ACCORDING TO REPRESENTATIVE OF MASTER MARINE CONSULTANTS, INC. OF HOUSTON WHO HAS BEEN IN TEHRAN APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS PURSUING CLAIMS, FIVE COMPANIES ARE SENDING PRINCIPALS AND HE HAS PROXY TO REPRESENT TRANS-AMERICAN SHIPPING AND FOUR OTHERS. CLAIMS DATING BACK, IN SOME CASES, AS FAR AS 30 MONTHS AMOUNT FOR SHIPPING COMPANIES TO APPROXIMATELY \$7.5 MILLION DOLLARS. TOTAL CLAIM INCLUDING RICE GROWERS, SHIPPING AND DEMURRAGE, AND INTEREST COULD APPROACH  
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\$30 MILLION DOLLARS (ALTHOUGH CLAIMANTS HAVE NO EXPECTATION OF COLLECTING INTEREST EVEN ASSUMING AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL AND DEMURRAGE).

3. MASTER MARINE REP HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONSULTATION

WITH EMBASSY AND IS OF OPINION THAT SUCH A MEETING  
WILL SOLVE VNOTHING UNLESS FTC CALLS IN FOREIGN EXPERTS  
TO ADJUDICATE CLAIMS. EMBASSY SOUGHT APPOINTMENT AT  
MINECONAFFAIRS AND ACCOMPANIED REP ON DECEMBER 15 TO  
DISCUSS SITUTATION AND PUT FORTH VIEW THAT EXPEDITIOUS  
SOLUTION WILL REQUIRE IMPARITIAL OUTSIDE EXPERTS IN  
DEMURRAGE/SHIPPING PROBLEMS, EXPERTISE WHICH IS  
APPARENTLY IN EXCEEDINGLY SHORT-SUPPLY, IF NOT NON-  
EXISTENT, ON FTC STAFF.  
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